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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG

SUBJECT: US-FRENCH-BELGIAN POLICY COORDINATION IN
ZAIRE

1. WE ARE AS CONCERNED AS YOU ABOUT THE INDICATIONS
YOU HAVE PICKED UP THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU IS RECEIVING
REPORTS THAT USG IS PREPARING IN SOME WAY TO WITHDRAW
FROM ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOZ. THAT SUCH INFORMATION
MAY BE COMING FROM ONE OF YOUR DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES IS
PARTICULARLY DISTURBING.

2. THE REPORTS YOU HAVE RECEIVED OF RECENT CONVERSATIONS
BETWEEN SENIOR USG OFFICIALS AND THEIR FRENCH AND BELGIAN
COUNTERPARTS IN EUROPE ACCURATELY RELECT OUR CONSULTATIONS
WITH THEM. OUR CONSISTENT CONCERN HAS BEEN TO ENSURE
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THAT WE, AS FRIENDS OF ZAIRE, DO NOT WORK AT CROSS
PURPOSES BUT ARE IN CONTINUOUS CONSULTATION.

3. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS WHISPERING CAMPAIGN AGAINST
THE USG HAS BECOME DAMAGING TO US, YOU SHOULD APPROACH
YOUR COLLEAGUES DIRECTLY. ALTERNATIVELY OR CONCURRENTLY,
WE ARE PREPARED TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN OFFICE IF YOU FEEL SUCH A ACTION JUSTIFIED AND
NECESSARY.

4. IF YOU DO DECIDE TO RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH YOUR
DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES, WE SUGGEST YOU DO SO IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE POSITION OUTLINED IN PARA 2. EMPHASIZE THAT
USG FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE HAS BEEN
DEMONSTRATED FOR TOO LONG FOR IT TO BE QUESTIONED NOW
AND THAT LONG-RANGE INTERESTS OF ALL ZAIRE'S FRIENDS
ARE ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL. ANY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A
TEMPORARY ADVANTAGE BY TURNING PRESIDENT MOBUTU AGAINST
THE UNITED STATES CAN ONLY REBOUND AGAINST THE INTERESTS
OF THE WEST IN GENERAL.

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